



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FINANCE, REVENUE & BONDING COMMITTEE
REGARDING RAISED SENATE BILL 445
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Good afternoon, my name is Paul Brady. I am the Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut, representing some 100 consulting engineering firms and over 1,200 employees in the state and the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers with 350 individual licensed Professional Engineers. I would like to testify in opposition to Section 1 of Raised Senate Bill 445, *AN ACT ENHANCING THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES TO COLLECT OUTSTANDING TAXES*.

Section 1 of the bill would require anyone who is required to get or renew a professional or occupational license to obtain a certificate from the Department of Revenue Services stating that they don't owe state taxes.

This seems like an unnecessary burden on the 99% of good people who pay their taxes to prove that they don't own the state money.

How many state workers will it take to process the hundreds of such thousands of requests each year? Wouldn't it be more efficient to have DRS and which ever departments license people run a comparison each year before they send out renewal notices or issue a license?

We don't begrudge the state's attempts to collect taxes that are owed. However, this proposal just lends support to the meme that Connecticut is a difficult place to do business.

Thank you for your attention.

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